

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Hans-Juergen SCHOENKE
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir,

Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely submitted within the one month time period set forth by the Examiner. The Office Action was mailed on December 15, 2005 with a due date for a response set for Sunday, January 15, 2006. Pursuant to MPEP § 505, this response is being timely filed on Tuesday, January 17, 2006, which is the next succeeding business day following the Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday. Accordingly, no fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event that any such fees are due as determined by the Commissioner, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are currently pending in this application, and are subject to a restriction requirement.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The restriction requirement subjected the pending claims to restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, between one of the two following inventions:

Group I) Claims 1-9, 15-34 and 37 drawn to an apparatus for conveying closures, classified in class 198, subclass 443.

Group II) Claims 10-14, 35 and 36 drawn to a process for conveying closures, classified in class 198, subclass 617.

ELECTION

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-9, 15-34, and 37.)

Respectfully submitted,

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